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TORONTO Aug. 23, 1919.

Sir Robert A. Falconer,
President, University of Toronto,
City.

Dear Sir Robert Falconer,-

I noticed the appeal to Sir Robert Borden for assistance for returned men to enable them to pursue their university education.

It occurred to me that perhaps it might be useful if you would speak to General Currie on the subject when he is here. He seems anxious to assist returned men and as his father was a schoolmaster, and he has seen the advantages of education in France, he would naturally wish to assist in forwarding the object of our appeal.

I am leaving for Winnipeg to-day but expect to be back about 1st prox, when I hope to see you.

I understand from Mr. McQueen that his appointment as Secretary for another year does not seem to be understood by the Bursar, and suppose there should be a meeting of the Alumni Executive or Board of Directors to deal with the matter.

Yours sincerely.

D'Arcy MacMurchy

August 29th, 1919.

Angus Mackurchy, Esq.,

C.P.R. Building,

Toronto.

Dear Mr. Mackurchy:

Sir Robert asked me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27rd and to say that the matter of Mr. Jefferson's appointment depends upon a letter from the Alumni Executive to the President. A meeting was held in July but no letter has as yet been forthcoming.

Yours sincerely,

President's Secretary.

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TORONTO Sept. 29, 1919.

Dr. R. A. Falconer,

President, University of Toronto.

City.

Dear Dr. Falconer,-

I suppose it would be well to have a meeting of the Finance Committee of the University Base Hospital to receive the final account of Col. Hendry and close our connection with this matter.

I presume the hospital supplies and apparatus will be looked after by Dr. Clarke and the other hospital authorities.

Yours very truly.

W. H. Curle

September 30th, 1919

Angus MacMurchy, Esq.,

Canadian Pacific Railway Building,

Toronto.

Dear Mr. MacMurchy:

I think that it would be well for us to have a meeting of the Finance Committee as soon as all accounts are in. I will find out from Colonel Hendry when he will be ready and then get a meeting called.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

December 16th, 1919

Angus MacMurchy, Esq.,
C.P.R. Building,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. MacMurchy:

Many thanks for the copies of the minutes. I suppose that seeing our last meeting was the closing one we should have read the minutes and had them confirmed. I will however, sign them.

I have written to Colonel Hendry about the vouchers for the accounts. The whole matter I will also report to the Board of Governors at its next meeting.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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1308 CANADIAN PACIFIC BUILDING
TORONTO

January 31st, 1920.

Sir Robert Falconer,

President, University of Toronto,

City.

Dear Sir Robert Falconer,-

I enclose copy of two resolutions which were adopted at the meeting of the Bureau of Appointments Committee yesterday, for your consideration.

Professor Sandford and I were requested to discuss these recommendations with you before the meeting of the Board of Directors.

Mr. MacQueen reported that there would probably be 1100 men seeking employment this Summer, and it would be impossible for the Alumni with the funds at its disposal to carry on the work much longer.

In the meantime the Veterans Association have $1200 in the treasury, which we expect will be dealt with as indicated in the first resolution and enable the work to be carried on for a sufficient time to allow an appropriation to be made by the Board of Governors for next year if the second resolution is adopted.

I will be glad to meet you with Professor Sandford some afternoon at say 4 or 5 o'clock when convenient. I enclose a copy of the Secretary's report presented at yesterday's meeting.

Yours very truly.

Encl.

Moved by Professor Sandford

Seconded by Hon. Mr. Justice Masten,

AND RESOLVED

That the Bureau of Appointments of the University of Toronto Alumni Association be continued as an emergency measure until 30th June, 1920 on condition that the University Veterans' Association become responsible for the expenses of secretarial assistance and co-operate in carrying on the work of the Bureau with the Secretary of the Alumni Association.

CARRIED.

2. Moved by Professor Sandford

Seconded by Hon. Mr. Justice Masten

AND RESOLVED

That the Committee recommend the Board of Directors of the Association to request the Governors of the University to operate a permanent Bureau of Appointments for the whole of the student body and graduates, the new bureau to take over the work of the Bureau of the Alumni Association as soon as practicable, enlarging its organization and scope of its work.

CARRIED.

Bureau of Appointments Committee

Secretary's Report

Very little work has been done in connection with the Alumni Bureau of Appointments during the present academic year. This has been due to two things:

(1) The fact that the Secretary's time has been largely taken up with the University War Memorial Campaign and other things.

(2) The small number of applicants for work which have come in.

Two circular letters , one in September and one in December were sent out ~~and~~ to all those who had been referred to positions and from whom replies had not been received. Forty-seven replies were received from these circular letters.

The following is a report bringing the work of the Bureau up to date:

Report of the Alumni Bureau of Appointments, January 31st, 1920

	Engineers	Business	Law	Medical	Teachers	Women	Summer	Total
Applications for work	44	71	3	17	13	6	48	202
Applicants referred	48	79	3	14	10	2	39	195
Applicants placed	16	23	3	0	0	1	10	53
Replies from applicants	30	37	3	2		3		75

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UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

MEMORANDUM FOR

Names suggested by Mr. MacMurchy

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Alumni

Mrs. J. J. W. Ross
Mrs. R. A. Smith
Mrs. J. Ross Robertson
Mrs. J. H. Langmuir

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Toronto

February 2nd, 1920.

Sir Robert A. Falconer,
President, University of Toronto,
City.

Dear Sir Robert Falconer,-

Referring to my letter of 31st ult. Professor McIver and I were to see you about the resolutions enclosed therewith, not Professor Sandford.

Yours sincerely.

Angus MacMurchy

P.S. I am very sorry that you are laid up, I hope you will take every precaution to avoid any trouble! Subscriptions to date $275,000

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1308 Canadian Pacific Building
Toronto

21st April, 1920.

Sir Robert Falconer,
President, University of Toronto,
TORONTO.

Dear Sir Robert Falconer,-

I enclose herewith two editorials on post-graduate courses and money for education, taken from the Farmer's Sun of April 21, which I find well worth watching at present.

Yours very truly,

A. Macmurchy

ENCL.

MONEY FOR EDUCATION.

The Hon. Peter Smith, in his Budget speech, said "We cannot cut down on education, if anything we have to increase expenditure on education. It is one of the things that we cannot possibly make any change in, we have to increase it as the years go by. Any money that is spent on the education and the health of the people of this Province, if wisely spent, is money extremely well spent." This statement, coming so soon after the annual gathering of the Ontario Educational Association, the Conference of the Public School Inspectors with the Minister of Education and the resolutions passed by the Educational Committee of the U.F.O., all go to show the growing importance which is being attached to the educational requirements of the people of this Province.

This question of providing an adequate budget for the educational needs of the young people is not peculiar to this Province. Some statistics recently compiled in the United States show that the nine largest cities in that country, contained over twelve and a half million people, or one-eighth of the entire population. The gross revenue of these cities amounts to $440,000,000 per annum, and from this revenue the sum of only $42.50 per pupil per annum is expended in the elementary schools, making a total outlay of $70,000,000. It is pointed out that these cities are assessed at over $14,000,000,000, and are creating land values at the rate of from three hundred to four hundred million a year. Despite this wealth they are only contributing the paltry sum of $70,000,000 ($42.50 per pupil) on public education. Undoubtedly these cities could tap other sources of revenue and secure a larger amount for educational purposes.

Much of this is true of Ontario. Our educational problem is one of the gravest that confronts us. The cost in money to maintain good schools, to secure good teachers and to carry on an efficient Department of Education is great, but we believe that no money in the Province is better spent than that voted annually for an efficient and comprehensive educational programme, the only stipulation being that we get value for the money expended.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES.

Our universities are becoming more practical. They are giving courses in social service, industrial management, and the writing of plays. They welcome affiliation with the agricultural colleges.

An essential development of university education is its post-graduate work. The training of highly-skilled experts is the most direct contribution an institution of learning can give to the people. The pioneer, the inventor, the genius—that incalculable person, that rare and inestimable gift of nature—is worth more to humanity than a person of any other type.

There is a subtle danger, however, in post-graduate work. For it is in that inner cloister, that sanctuary of knowledge for knowledge's own sake, that pedantry and the pride of useless knowledge best thrives. The day is past, we hope, when the public school pupil was sacrificed for the good of the high school, and the high school pupil was sacrificed for the good of the college. But the abstract, academic idea dies hard, and it shows signs of trying to entrench itself in post-graduate work.

Abraham Lincoln said that a man's legs should be long enough to reach from his body to the ground. The peril of universities has been to soar into the clouds of alleged culture, with their feet dangling in the air. The world of men and women beneath—working, singing, suffering, weeping, quarrelling, dying—seems far-off and uninteresting. Cloudland is their home.

A post-graduate course, which is the legitimate flower and fruit of the undergraduate courses is very desirable. But not the busy idling and serious trifling which divorce learning from and make it contemptuous of life.

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April 28th, 1920.

Sir Robert A. Falconer,
President, University of Toronto,
City.

Dear Sir Robert Falconer,-

Re John Moss Scholarship.

After our conversation I wrote Mr. MacInnes a letter of which a copy is enclosed, and now enclose his reply. I will be glad to have your views, and if you think the proposals are such that we can proceed safely to endeavor to raise the amount required.

With regard to the enclosed correspondence with Mr. Brebner concerning the Moss Scholarship, I have not yet received a reply to my last letter.

I should be glad if you would kindly return the enclosures with your reply, or I could talk the matter over with you when convenient if you wish.

Yours very truly.

Encl.

April 30th, 1920

Angus MacMurchy, Esq.,
1208 Canadian Pacific Building,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. MacMurchy:

It seems to me that the proposals with regard to the John Ross Scholarships suggested by Mr MacInnes are safe enough with the exception that under number 4 I should be inclined to say that for the next ten years the choice be limited to the dependents of former members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. If this were added I do not see way it should not be associated with our Alumni Fund.

I am returning the correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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1308 Canadian Pacific Building
Toronto

June 21, 1920.

Sir Robert A. Falconer,
President, University of Toronto,
City.

Dear Sir Robert Falconer,-

Re John H. Moss Scholarship.

I am enclosing what I hope is the final draft of the circular herein. You will notice some changes have been made since you approved of it, the object being to make it possible for the Scholarship to be awarded ten years hence to Charles Moss, the only son of our late friend, who is now about six years of age. Are you content with the circular? We will try and send the circular out this week.

Yours sincerely.

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Hart House,
Toronto, June 1920.

Dear Sir,

A few friends of the late John H. Moss, K.C., have felt that it would be fitting to found in the University of Toronto a Scholarship bearing his name.

During the years of the War no one strove more earnestly or unselfishly than Jack Moss for the success of the cause dear to us all. After the close of active hostilities he took up with vigour and enthusiasm the equally important task of repairing the ravages of war and securing the fruits of a lasting peace. He was one of the foremost in advancing the interests of the University of Toronto War Memorial Fund and helping our soldier students to regain their places in civil life.

It is not intended to make an active canvass in order to raise funds for this purpose beyond suggesting that the sum of $6,000 would be sufficient to provide a yearly Scholarship of $300.

It is proposed to found "The John H. Moss Scholarship" to be granted to an undergraduate of the final year in the Faculty of Arts in the University of Toronto, including all its Colleges; the Scholarship to be allotted by a committee to be appointed by the University of Toronto Alumni Association and in the following manner:

The undergraduates in Arts in the final year of each of the several colleges of the University shall elect an undergraduate from those in the final year in Arts in such College, and from those so elected the Committee shall, subject to such regulations as may be approved from time to time by the President of the University, choose the candidate who shall receive the scholarship; during the first ten years preference to be given to former members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, and, failing them, to children, brothers or sisters of such former members, or of Canadian officers or men who served at home during the War; ~~failing them the scholarship shall be allotted in such manner as the Alumni Association may by resolution determine.~~

These proposals have received the approval of the President, Sir Robert Falconer.

Donations (limited to $100.00) may be sent to any of the undersigned, or to Mr. J. J. Gibson, Chartered Trust and Executor Company, 46 King Street West, Toronto, who has kindly consented to act as Treasurer of the Fund until completion, when the money received will be permanently invested.

Yours very truly,

June 23rd, 1920

Angus MacMurchy, Esq.,
1908 Canadian Pacific Building,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. MacMurchy:

I have gone over the final draft of the circular regarding the John H. Moss Scholarship. It seems to me to have been a very good suggestion to change the regulations so as to make it possible to award the scholarship to young Charles Moss when the time comes. The circular is satisfactory.

Yours sincerely,

President.